

45), wherein the label stock is at least 0.0075 inch thick (col. 3, lines 57 - 58).

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 11 have been amended to recite that the label stock has a thickness in the range of thickness in the range of 0.0075 inch (0.0190 cm.) and 0.07 inch (0.1778 cm). The passage which the Examiner cites in Frankosky for thickness discloses that the batt has a thickness of 0.07 to 0.20 inch/oz/yd² or 0.05 to 0.15 mm/g/m². The rest of the disclosures of thickness in Frankosky are even greater than 0.07 inch. See column 7, line 15 (a thickness of 0.41 inch), column 8 lines 13 and 14 (a thickness of 0.76 inch without "hot roll" and a thickness of 0.59 inch with "hot roll". See also Table 2, which discloses thicknesses of 0.41, 0.35, 0.33 and 0.31 inches, and Table 4, which discloses thicknesses of 0.41 and 0.49 inches. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Frankosky fails to disclose a label stock which has a thickness in Applicants' range as recited in claims 1 and 11.

It is respectfully submitted that Hobson fails to teach Applicants' claimed thickness and thus cure the deficiencies of the Frankosky patent. Hobson teaches an enclosure for a container, and there is no disclosure in Hobson of any thicknesses of the enclosure.

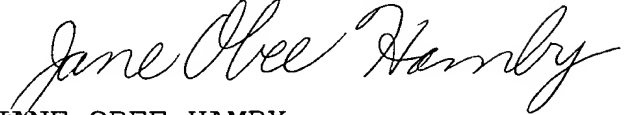
For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, and claims 2 - 10 and 18 which depend thereon, as well as claim 11, and claim 19, which depends thereon, should be allowable over the prior art of record.

Please extend the period for response by one month as set forth in the attached Petition for Extension of Time. Should any further extension of time be necessary, the Examiner is authorized to take such further extension and charge the fee for such extension to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company).

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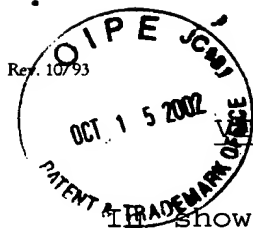
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showing the changes, deleted material is shown as a strikethrough, and inserted material is shown underlined.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) An insulating label stock, comprising a thermal insulating layer having a thermal resistance in the range of 0.05 to 0.5 CLO (0.0077 to 0.077 m².K/W) which is laminated to a face material, wherein the label stock ~~is at least 0.0075 inch (0.0190 cm.) thick~~ has a thickness greater than 0.0075 inch (0.0190 cm) and less than 0.07 inch (0.1778 cm).

11. (Amended) An insulating label stock having a thickness ~~of at least 0.0075 inch (0.0190 cm.)~~ greater than 0.0075 inch (0.0190 cm) and less than 0.07 inch (0.1778 cm), comprising a thermal insulating layer which is laminated to at least one sheet of a coextruded film which comprises a first layer and a second layer, wherein the first layer and the second layer are made of different materials, and the second layer has a lower melting temperature than the material of the first layer, ~~so that when the face material is heated, the second layer softens and adheres to the thermal insulating layer when pressure is applied.~~

18. The insulating label stock of claim 1, wherein the label stock has a thickness in the range of 0.010 inch (0.025 cm) and 0.040 inch (0.102 cm).

19. The insulating label stock of claim 11, wherein the label stock has a thickness in the range of 0.010 inch (0.025 cm) and 0.040 inch (0.102 cm).